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503.39364X00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): NAKAMURA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/727,535

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For: HIGH STRENGTH Mg BASED ALLOY AND Mg BASED  
CASTING ALLOY AND ARTICLE MADE OF THE ALLOY

Group: 1742

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 13, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims (that is, claims 1-11 as indicated by the Examiner, which the Examiner states is, drawn to a high-strength magnesium-based alloy). This election is made without traverse.

The election-of-species requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, is noted. The election of species requirement is only applicable upon election of the Group II claims. Since Applicants elect herein the Group I claims, an election of species, from among the species in Item 3 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, is unnecessary.

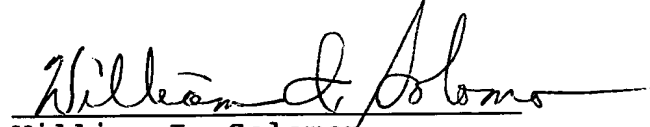
In view of the foregoing, consideration of the Group I claims (that is, claims 1-11), in due course, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any

shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.39364X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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